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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/218888 A1
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,493,246
- (3) JP 2001 155933
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,534,838
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,160,467
- (6) EP 0 601 776
- (7) DE 100 40 415

Copies of Documents (3), (6) and (7) are enclosed. Pursuant to 1276 OG 55, copies of the remaining documents are not enclosed.

Documents (4) to (7) were cited in a European Search Report dated March 31, 2004 for a counterpart European application and may be relevant for the reasons cited therein. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for Document (7) is provided by the included English language abstract, as well as by the European search report. The concise explanation of relevance for Document (3) is provided by the included English language abstract, as well as by the discussion in the specification, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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		0 601 776 A1	06/15/1994	Europe			Yes
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
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